Implementation of Fourth Pay Commission Recommendation by Delhi Administration

1524. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be ed fo state :

(a) whether the Fourth Pay Commission has recommended for workers a mini wage of Rs. 1050/- but the Delhi Administration has failed to implement it; and

is the position as at pre-in different States and U.Ts., andguidelines in this regard?

HE MINISTER OF STATE QF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. OM A); (a) The Fourth Pay Com-ion has not made any recommendation concerning workers. - The Government has however accepted the Pay Com-mission's 'recommendations concerning Group 'B, 'C and 'D' employees of the 'ral Gove-nment.

(b) As the Fourth Pay Commission's recomraendations are concerning Central Government employee-., the questions of ng any guidelines to State Govem-'Union Territories Administrations does pot arise.

Environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam

1525. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam has rejected the Project and opined that (i) the hill sides are instable, (ii) deforestation would be extensive, (iii) the location is on highly sensitive seismic zane and (iv) that an earthquake in the would threaten the entire population of Rishikesh and Hardwar; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

. (b) whether a substantial portion of the recent Rs. 2000 crores Soviet Assistance has been earmarked for this environment-aliy rejected project; if so, what are the reason., therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRON-MENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Even though the Environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam has opined that

—some segments of the reservoir slopes are unstable;

—deforestation and degradation specially in Bhagirathi is extensive;

—the project is located in a highly sensi--tiv: seismic zone; and

—the failure of the dam or Ihe hill slo-woukd threaten the entire popula-of Rishikesh and Hardwar;

it has not made a categorical recomme-dation for approving or rejecting the proposal leaving this decision to the Government. The Government have, however, deckled to go ahead with the project.

(b) A substantial portion of the Soviet assistance is earmarked for the Tehri Dam project which has already been approved by the . Government.

Hindu Migrants from Afghanistan not considered as Refugees by the UNO

1526. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNO con-siders as refugees in India from Afghanistan only those persons who are Muslims, etc, and that Hindus amongst them are not recoenised as such by the said Organisation; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this discrimination on the basis of' religion and also what action has been taken in the matter and with what resuts?